

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In mounting a combined oil control ring in a ring groove formed in a piston, the combined oil control ring is mounted in a form that an opening between but ends of an oil ring body is widened. In such an operation, it is likely that a coil expander falls off the oil ring body thus making the mounting operation cumbersome. To overcome such a drawback, a relationship $L1 < L2$ is established. Here $L1$ means a axial distance between open peripheries of the groove portion and $L2$ means a maximum axial distance between peripheries of the groove portion.